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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2019-Present Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice, Rutgers University-Camden

EDUCATION

2019 PhD, Sociology, The Graduate Center, City University of New York
Concentration: Crime, Law, and Deviance

2009 BA, Sociology and Political Science, Boston University

PUBLICATIONS

Book:

Tosh, Sarah. 2023. *The Immigration Law Death Penalty: Aggravated Felonies, Deportation, and Legal Resistance*. New York: New York University Press.

Edited Journal:

Tosh, Sarah, Edwin Grimsley, and Nicholas Rodrigo (Eds.) 2024. Special Issue on “The Criminalization-to-Deportation Pipeline in the United States.” *Critical Criminology* 32(2).

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

Brotherton, David, and Sarah Tosh. 2025. “The Dialectics of Migration: Social Bulimia and the Deportation Pipeline in New York City.” *The British Journal of Criminology*.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/bjc/azaf010>

Avila, Lorena, and Sarah Tosh. 2024. “The Institutional Hearing Program and the Incarceration-to-Deportation-Pipeline.” *Critical Criminology* 32(2), pp. 217-233.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10612-024-09783-3>

Berg, Ulla D., Sarah Tosh, and Kenneth Sebastian León. 2022. “Remote Ethnography in Carceral Settings: Local Configurations of Migrant Detention during the Coronavirus Pandemic.”

Ethnography 25(3), pp. 314-334. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14661381211072414>
Translated into Spanish in *Etnografías Contemporáneas* 8(15), pp. 62-87.

Tosh, Sarah. 2022. “Mandatory Detention for Aggravated Felonies: The Reproduction of Inequality through US Immigration Law.” *Law & Policy*, 44(1), pp. 70-97.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/lapo.12179>

Tosh, Sarah. 2021. “Critical Criminology and the Modern Deportation Regime.” *The Howard*

Journal of Crime and Justice, 60(3), pp. 409-429.

Tosh, Sarah, Ulla Berg, and Kenneth Sebastian León. 2021. "Migrant Detention and COVID-19: Pandemic Responses in Four New Jersey Detention Centers." *Journal of Migration and Human Security*, 9(1), pp. 44-62. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23315024211003855>

Tosh, Sarah. 2020. "Drug Prohibition and the Criminalization of Immigrants: The Compounding of Drug War Disparities in the United States Deportation Regime." *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 87. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugpo.2020.102846>

Tosh, Sarah. 2019. "Drugs, Crime, and Aggravated Felony Deportations: Moral Panic Theory and the Legal Construction of the 'Criminal Alien.'" *Critical Criminology*, 27(2), pp. 329-345.

Brotherton, David, and Sarah Tosh. 2018. "Deportation and Immigration Enforcement." *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190264079.013.347>

Bozorgmehr, Mehdi, Paul Ong, and Sarah Tosh. 2016. "Panethnicity Revisited: Contested Group Boundaries in the Post-9/11 Era." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 39(5), pp. 727-745. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2015.1081959>

Book Chapters:

Tosh, Sarah. Forthcoming. "How a Good Immigrant/Bad Immigrant Binary Fuels the Modern Deportation Regime." In *Elizabeth Detention Center: Past, Present, and Future*, edited by Ulla Berg and Carolina Sanchez Boe. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

Tosh, Sarah. 2024. "Race and United States Immigration Policy: From Criminalization to Deportation." In *Handbook on Border Criminology*, edited by Mary Bosworth, Katja Franko, Maggy Lee, and Rimple Mehta. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Brotherton, David, and Sarah Tosh. 2018. "The Sociology of Vindictiveness and the Deportable Alien." In *Immigration Policy in the Age of Punishment*, edited by David Brotherton and Phil Kretsedemas, New York: Columbia University Press, pp. 167-186.

Book Reviews:

Tosh, Sarah. 2020. *The Crimmigrant Other: Migration and Penal Power. Theoretical Criminology*.

Tosh, Sarah. 2019. *Hurt: Chronicles of the Drug War Generation. Social Forces*.

Manuscripts in Progress:

Tosh, Sarah. "Critical Criminology and the "Criminalization-to-Deportation Pipeline." Chapter for *Handbook of Critical Criminology* (forthcoming in 2026, Edward Elgar Publishing).

Tosh, Sarah, David Brotherton, Nick Rodrigo, and Edwin Grimsley, Eds. *The Criminalization-to-Deportation Pipeline in New York City and Beyond* (edited volume, proposal under review).

Tosh, Sarah. "Beyond the 'Good Immigrant, Bad Immigrant' Binary: Legal Resistance to

Criminal-Conviction-Based Deportation” (article under review).

Tosh, Sarah and Edwin Grimsley. ““Death Penalty Cases in a Traffic Court Setting:’ Assessing the Impacts of the Aggravated Felony Legal Category.”

Tosh, Sarah, Lorena Avila, and Nick Rodrigo. “Social Bulimia and the Deportation of Incarcerated Non-Citizens from the Caribbean.”

Grimsley, Edwin and Sarah Tosh. “Broken Windows Policing and the Deportation of Black Immigrants: The Case of New York City.”

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Extramural:

2021-2023 National Science Foundation. Division of Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences, Law & Science Program. “Collaborative Research: The Criminal Deportation Pipeline in New York City.” Co-PI with David Brotherton, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY. (\$371,967)

2016-2019 Behavioral Science Training in Drug Abuse Research Fellowship. National Institute of Drug Abuse, National Institute of Health. Rory Myers College of Nursing, New York University. (\$24,000/year)

2014-2016 Behavioral Science Training in Drug Abuse Research Fellowship. National Institute of Drug Abuse, National Institute of Health. National Development and Research Institute. (\$23,000/year)

Intramural:

2023-2025 Chancellor's Grant for Assistant Professor Research Development, Rutgers University-Camden. ““Crimmigration’ Advisal in Public Defense Offices: A Comparative Study of Immigrant-Receiving Cities in the United States.” (\$19,885)

2023-2024 Early Career Faculty Fellowship, Institute for the Study of Global Racial Justice, Rutgers University. (\$12,500)

2022 Honors College Faculty Fellowship, Honors College, Rutgers University-Camden. “Migration, Deportation, and Justice.” (\$1,000)

2020 Center for COVID-19 Response and Pandemic Preparedness, Rutgers University. “Migrant Detention, Deportation, and COVID-19 Transmission: Public Health and Safety Challenges in New Jersey.” Co-PI with PI Ulla Berg and Kenneth Sebastian León. (\$13,624)

2020 Center for COVID-19 Response and Pandemic Preparedness, Rutgers University. “Putting Stories to Work.” Co-PI with PI Bridget Purcell, Ulla Berg, Cati Coe, Joanne Gottesman, Leslie Kay Jones, Catherine Lee, Randi Mandelbaum, Domingo Morel, Tim Raphael, and Louisa Schein. (\$19,950)

- 2017-2018 Pollis Dissertation Fellowship, The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$15,000)
- 2017-2018 David Garth Dissertation Award in Public Policy, The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$10,000)
- 2016 Vera Institute/CUNY Graduate Center Research Fellowship, Vera Institute of Justice (\$4,000)
- 2014 Research Praxis Fellowship, Advanced Research Collaborative, The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$4,000)
- 2011-2016 Enhanced Chancellor's Fellowship, The Graduate Center, CUNY (\$25,000/year)

INVITED TALKS

- 2025 "The Immigration Law Death Penalty: Aggravated Felonies, Deportation, and Legal Resistance." Rutgers University-Newark, College of Criminal Justice, March 10.
- 2024 "Finding Common Ground: Building Bridges on Immigration Law Ahead of the Election." Rutgers Law School, October 16.
- 2024 "Abolishing Immigration Detention: A Teach-In on the Elizabeth New Jersey Detention Center." Princeton University, March 22.
- 2023 "The Immigration Law Death Penalty: Aggravated Felonies, Deportation, and Legal Resistance." Acacia Center for Justice. December 1. (Remote Presentation)
- 2023 "The Immigration Law Death Penalty: Aggravated Felonies, Deportation, and Legal Resistance." The Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice, Rutgers University-Camden; the Rutgers Immigrant Justice Clinic and the Rutgers Immigrant Community Assistance Project, Rutgers Law School. November 28.
- 2023 "Mandatory Detention for Criminal Convictions and the Growth of the Modern Deportation Regime." Elizabeth Detention Center: Past, Present, & Future Symposium. Rutgers University, New Brunswick. October 27.
- 2023 "The Immigration Law Death Penalty: Aggravated Felonies, Deportation, and Legal Resistance." PhD Program in Sociology. The Graduate Center, CUNY. October 27.
- 2023 "Book Talk: The Immigration Law Death Penalty: Aggravated Felonies, Deportation, and Legal Resistance." The Criminal Justice Doctoral Students Association, The Department of Sociology, and the Center for Transgressive Studies. John Jay College of Criminal Justice. October 20.
- 2023 "An Open Discussion on Mass Incarceration." Criminal Justice Organization.

- 2020 Rutgers University-Camden. February 15.
 “Migrant Detention and COVID-19: Pandemic Responses in Four New Jersey Detention Centers.” COVID-19: Communications and [Mis]information Working Group, Rutgers University. Co-Presenter with Ulla D. Berg and K. Sebastian León. May 24. (Remote presentation.)
- 2020 “Migrant Detention, Deportation, and COVID in New Jersey.” *Social Control and the Pandemic: Incarceration, Detention, and Deportation in the time of COVID-19*. The Graduate Center and John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York. Co-Presenter with Ulla D. Berg and K. Sebastian León. May 6. (Remote presentation.)
- 2020 “COVID-19 and Immigration Detention.” *Locked Up in a Lockdown: New Challenges for those Incarcerated and Detained during the Pandemic*. Rutgers Law School. October 8. (Remote presentation.)
- 2020 “Remote Ethnography in Carceral Settings: Local Configurations of Migrant Detention During the Coronavirus Pandemic.” The Society and Pandemic Working Group, Rutgers. Co-Presenter with Ulla D. Berg and K. Sebastian León. October 8. (Remote presentation)
- 2020 “Crimmigration in the Time of COVID-19.” Crime, Law, and Deviance Workshop, The Graduate Center, City University of New York. May 6. (Remote presentation.)
- 2019 “Criminal Deportation and the Reproduction of Inequality.” Chancellor’s New Faculty Research Symposium, Rutgers University-Camden. November 19.
- 2019 “Defending the ‘Bad Immigrant:’ Aggravated Felonies, Deportation, and Legal Resistance at the Crimmigration Nexus.” Honorary thesis defense, passed with distinction. The Common Study Programme in Critical Criminology. Middlesex University, London. December 17.
- 2019 “Defending the ‘Bad Immigrant:’ Aggravated Felonies, Deportation, and Legal Resistance at the Crimmigration Nexus.” Inside the Graduate Center: A Dissertation Showcase. The Graduate Center, City University of New York. May 13.

CONFERENCES CO-ORGANIZED

- 2020 The Border is Everywhere: The Crisis of the Immigration Enforcement Regime, City University of New York, March 10-11. (Canceled due to COVID-19.)
- 2017 The Common Sessions in Critical Criminology, City University of New York, May 3-5.
- 2015 Growing Up Muslim in the United States and Europe, City University of New York, April 16-17.

CONFERENCE PANELS ORGANIZED

- 2024 "The Criminalization-to-Deportation Pipeline: Processes of Crimmigration Enforcement and Deportation." American Criminological Society, San Francisco, November 13-16.
- 2024 "The Criminalization-to-Deportation Pipeline: Community Responses, Advocacy, and Resistance." American Criminological Society, San Francisco, November 13-16.
- 2022 "Fighting for Justice in the Melting Pot: Inequality and Resistance Along NYC's Criminal Deportation Pipeline." Global Meeting on Law and Society, Lisbon, July 13-16.
- 2021 "Social Anatomy of a Deportation Regime II: Crimmigration Enforcement, Mass Incarceration, and Mass Detention." American Society of Criminology, Chicago, November 17-20.
- 2021 "Social Anatomy of a Deportation Regime I: Critical Criminology, Immigration Enforcement, and Deportation." American Society of Criminology, Chicago, November 17-20.
- 2019 "Documenting a Deportation Regime: Lessons from New York City and Beyond." American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, November 13-16.
- 2019 "The Social Anatomy of a Deportation Regime Workshop." American Sociological Association, New York, August 10-13.
- 2018 "Fear, Violence, and Punishment: The Everyday Workings of the U.S. Deportation Regime." American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, November 14-17.
- 2013 "Ethnoracial Boundaries and Panethnicity." International Migration Mini-Conference, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, August 9.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 "Fighting for the "Bad Immigrant": Community-Backed Legal Resistance to Criminal-Conviction-Based Deportation." American Sociological Association, Montreal, August 9-13.
- 2024 "From Criminalization to Deportation: Race in the United States Immigration System." Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, August 9-11.
- 2023 "Teaching the Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Prison." Invited Roundtable Participant. American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, November 15-18.

- 2023 “Policing and the Deportation of Black Immigrants: Overlapping Systems of Anti-Blackness in New York City.” Co-Presenter with Edwin Grimsley. American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, August 17-21.
- 2023 “Broken Windows Policing and the Deportation of Black Immigrants: The Case of New York City.” Co-Presenter with Edwin Grimsley. Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, August 18-20.
- 2023 “Fighting for Justice in the Melting Pot: Inequality and Resistance along NYC’s Criminal Deportation Pipeline.” Co-Presenter with Lorena Avila. Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, February 23-26.
- 2022 “A Hydra in the Sanctuary: The Role of NYC’s Complex Criminal Justice Policies in Overwhelming its Immigration Court and the Successes of Those Resisting.” American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, November 16-19.
- 2022 “Funneled Toward Deportation in a “Sanctuary” City: Crimmigration Processes and Legal Resistance.” Global Meeting on Law and Society, Lisbon, July 13-16.
- 2021 “Mandatory Detention for Criminal Convictions: The Reproduction of Inequality through U.S. Immigration Law.” American Society of Criminology, Chicago, November 17-20.
- 2020 “Criminal Deportation and Legal Resistance: A Case Study of New York City under the Trump Deportation Regime.” Toward a Critical Migration Studies Mini-Conference. Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, February 27-March 1.
- 2019 “Aggravated Felonies, Criminal Deportation, Inequality, and Resistance.” American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, November 13-16.
- 2019 “Defending the ‘Bad Immigrant:’ Aggravated Felonies, Deportation, and Legal Resistance at the Crimmigration Nexus.” Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, August 9-11.
- 2019 “Drug Prohibition and the Criminalization of Immigrants: The Compounding of Drug War Disparities in the Modern United States Deportation Regime.” International Society for the Study of Drug Policy, Paris, May 22-24. (Honorable Mention for Best Presentation by an Early Career Researcher.)
- 2018 “Aggravated Felonies and the Crimmigration Nexus: Legal Resistance to Criminal Deportation.” American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, November 14-17.

- 2018 “Drugs, Crime, and Aggravated Felony Deportations: Moral Panic Theory and the Legal Construction of the ‘Criminal Alien.’” Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, August 10-12.
- 2018 “Understanding and Challenging the Deportation Regime.” Left Forum, New York, June 1-3.
- 2018 “The ‘Immigration Death Penalty’ in the ‘Wild West of Law’: Aggravated Felonies, Criminal Removal, and Legal Resistance in the Modern U.S. Deportation Regime.” Common Sessions in Critical Criminology, Canterbury, UK, April 23-25.
- 2017 “Aggravated Felonies, Deportation, and the Legal Construction of the Criminal Alien.” Common Sessions in Critical Criminology, New York, May 3-5.
- 2016 “The Creation of the Aggravated Felony Legal Category and the Punitive Turn in American Drug, Crime, and Immigration Policy.” American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, November 16-20.
- 2016 “Drugs, Crime, and Deportation: The Moral Construction of the Aggravated Felon.” Common Sessions in Critical Criminology, Porto. May 4-6.
- 2016 “Aggravated Felonies and the Legal Production of the ‘Criminal Alien.’” Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, March 17-20.
- 2016 “Punishing the ‘Criminal Alien’: The Role of Moral Panic in American Drug, Crime, and Immigration Policy.” Common Sessions in Critical Criminology, Rotterdam, December 2-4.
- 2015 “Immigrant Criminality and Repressive Policy: A Historically-Situated Analysis of an American Moral Panic.” Eastern Sociological Society, New York, February 28-March 1.
- 2013 “The War on Drugs, Exception, and Black Bare Life.” Presider and presenter. Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance Roundtable. American Sociological Association, New York, August 10-13.
- 2013 “Limits of Panethnicity: An Alternative Model of Group Formation.” Co-Presenter with Mehdi Bozorgmehr. American Sociological Association, New York, August 10-13.
- 2013 “The Puzzle of Panethnicity: A Theoretical Reformulation.” Co-Presenter with Mehdi Bozorgmehr. Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, March 21-24.

TEACHING

Primary Instructor:

- 2019-present Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice, Rutgers University-Camden
Inequality in Criminal Justice | Migration, Deportation, and Justice | Drugs and Society | Sociology of Deviance | Research Methods in Criminal Justice (MA level) | Independent Studies in Sociology and Criminal Justice
- 2023 Honors College, Rutgers University-Camden
Migration, Deportation, and Justice
- 2012-2015 Department of Sociology, Brooklyn College
Introductory Sociology | Sociology of Law | People, Power, & Politics

Dissertation and Thesis Committee Member:

- 2024 Lorena Avila, PhD, Criminal Justice, Rutgers University-Newark
- 2022 Brielle Thompson, MA, Criminal Justice, Rutgers University-Camden
- 2021 Gianna Beretta, MA, Criminal Justice, Rutgers University-Camden

Guest Lecturer:

- 2024 Public Policy (Prof. Felicia Arriaga, Baruch College)
- 2024 Immigration, Nation, and the Media (Prof. Nancy Hiemstra, Stonybrook University)
- 2022, 2023 Sociology of Crime and Deviance (Prof. Kyla Bender-Baird, Kenyon College)
- 2022 Drugs and Society (Prof. Edwin Grimsley, University of Hartford)
- 2020 Sociology of Law (Prof. Jesse Liss, Rutgers University-Newark)

SERVICE

To Department:

- Undergraduate Committee (2019-2020, 2025-present)
- Graduate Committee (2020-present)
- Undergraduate Academic Advisor (2019-present)
- Peer Teaching Evaluator (2019-present)
- Graduate Comprehensive Exam Writer and Reviewer (2020-2023)
- Committee on #BlackLivesMatter, Race, and Policing in the Sociology and Criminal Justice Majors (2020-2021)

To University:

- Nominee, Camden Chapter Leadership Committee, Rutgers AAUP-AFT (2025)
- Alternate, Salary Equity Review Committee (SERC), Rutgers University (2025)
- Chancellor's Advisory Council on Undocumented Students, Rutgers-Camden (2020-present)
- Departmental Representative, Faculty Senate, Rutgers-Camden (2021-2024)
- Society and Pandemic Working Group, Rutgers University (2020-2021)

To Profession:

Editorial Board Member, *Critical Criminology* (2022-present)

Co-Founder and Co-Chair, Social Anatomy of a Deportation Regime (SADR) Working Group, Social Change and Transgressive Studies Project, John Jay College for Criminal Justice (2017-present)

Reviewer for: National Science Foundation, Oxford University Press, New York University Press, Routledge, Emerald Publishing, *American Behavioral Scientist*, *Critical Criminology*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *European Journal of Criminology*, *Journal of Latino/Latin American Studies*, *International Criminal Justice Review*, *International Journal of Conflict and Violence*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *Law & Society Review*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *Qualitative Research in Health*, *SAGE Open Medicine*, *Social Problems*, *Theoretical Criminology*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Criminological Society (ASC)

Division on Critical Criminology & Social Justice (DCCSJ)

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Common Study Programme in Critical Criminology

Law and Society Association (LSA)

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2024 “3 Essential Reads on the Intersection of Crimmigration and Resistance (and a bonus).” *Immigrant Well-Being Collaborative*. October 28.
<https://iwbcollab.org/3-essential-reads/>
- 2023 “The best books that challenge the ‘good immigrant/bad immigrant’ binary.” *Shepherd*. December 25. <https://shepherd.com/best-books/challenge-the-good-immigrantbad-immigrant-binary>
- 2023 “The Immigration Law Death Penalty.” *Faculti*. November 27.
<https://faculti.net/the-immigration-law-death-penalty/>
- 2023 “Deconstructing Immigrant Binaries.” *Inquest*. October 10.
<https://inquest.org/deconstructing-immigrant-binaries/>
- 2023 “The War on Fentanyl.” *Rutgers Today*. February 27.
<https://stories.camden.rutgers.edu/the-war-on-fentanyl/index.html>
- 2021 “CUNY Stories November 2021.” *Urban U*. CUNY-TV. November 4.
<https://tv.cuny.edu/show/urbanu/PR2010687>.
- 2021 “Migrant Detention and Deportation in New Jersey Presented Unique Challenges to Curb Spread of COVID-19, Says Rutgers-Camden Researcher.” *Rutgers-Camden NewsNow*. May 25. <https://news.camden.rutgers.edu/2021/05/migrant-detention-and-deportation-in-new-jersey-presented-unique-challenges-to-curb->

spread-of-covid-19-says-rutgers-camden-researcher/.

- 2019 “Episode Four: Criminal Deportation and the Structural Violence of Immigration Court.” *They Are Just Deportees* Podcast. November 25. <https://anchor.fm/they-are-just-deportees/episodes/Episode-Four-Criminal-Deportation-and-the-Structural-Violence-of-Immigration-Court-e96sbg/a-a130113>
- 2019 “Scholarship that Seeks Justice: Sarah Tosh ’19 Investigates ‘Aggravated Felony’ Deportations of Immigrants.” *CUNY Graduate Center News*. May 21. <https://www.gc.cuny.edu/news/scholarship-seeks-justice-sarah-tosh-19-investigates-aggravated-felony-deportations-immigrants>.